

Initiative to Halt Deforestation through Sustainable Agricultural Commodities Supply Chains

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Potential members :

States: *Germany, the United Kingdom, Norway, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Denmark, Japan, Canada, the United States and other interested countries associated to the G7EMM.*

Private sector: Alliance for the preservation of forests, Finance for tomorrow (Paris Europlace), food and agriculture sector, financial sector

NGOs: WWF, FERN, IDH, Conservation International & Sustainable coffee challenge, and other well-placed on this subject on the international scene

Objectives :

Adoption of a common declaration by all G7 member States, other interested States, and stakeholders/businesses, to, inter alia, (i) reaffirm their commitments for 2020 and 2030, as expressed in Agenda 2030 for sustainable development and/or initiatives led by States and non-State actors such as the NYDF; and (ii) recognize the need to enhance the sustainability of agricultural commodities supply chains in order to halt deforestation.

On the issue of sustainable agricultural commodities supply chains, the initiative will promote and facilitate dialogue among signatory countries and non-State actors and improve the transparency, monitoring and accountability of commitments made.

Deliverable :

The signature of a common declaration.

Follow-up: take advantage of meetings of G7 EMM to discuss the state of and initiatives from signatory countries and stakeholders regarding the issue of deforestation linked to agricultural supply chains, by integrating it in the framework of the 5-year's Bologna roadmap for Resource Efficiency.

Governance, operation and financing planned:

Governance:

G7 presidencies would be in charge of putting the discussion of deforestation and sustainable supply chains for agricultural commodities on the G7 EMM agenda.

Financing:

No specific funding needed.

How it works :

The common, non legally-binding, declaration (draft in annex) would be based on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and on initiatives led by countries and non-state actors such as the New York Declaration on Forests and the Amsterdam declarations.

The follow-up to the declaration would be integrated in that of the 5-year's Bologna roadmap, which was adopted as a living document and could be expanded with the following paragraph :

Halting deforestation through sustainable supply chains for agricultural commodities

We will share information on public and private initiatives or commitments relating to knowledge, good practices, capacity building and also transparency, monitoring, accountability and due diligence regarding agricultural commodities supply chains that cause deforestation in producing countries.

As for other initiatives, if consensus is reached within the G7, the 2019 G7EMM communiqué could include a paragraph along the following lines:

We call G7 and other signatory countries of the common declaration on halting deforestation through sustainable supply chains for agricultural commodities to strengthen dialogue and share knowledge on this issue and to improve the transparency, monitoring and accountability of the commitments made on this issue.